

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

The claims have been amended by rewriting claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 18. Claims 1-21 remain in the application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' appreciate the time that the Examiner made to conduct a telephone interview with the Applicants' attorney on April 15, 2004. Because of that meeting, Applicants' were able to better amend the claims to address the Examiner's concerns. Specifically, the claims have been amended to clarify the meaning of the claims and have not been amended to narrow the scope of the invention.

First, Claim 6 is objected to because the term "the dispatch call data" appears to lack antecedent basis. In response, Claim 6 has been amended to the term "the dispatch communication data."

Second, Claims 8 and 12-13 are objected to because it is not clear what is meant by "normalized transmission times." In response, Claims 8, 12-13 have been amended to clearly specify "normalized arrival times."

Third, Applicants' have amended the independent Claims 1, 11, and 18 to include limitations to 1) "voice communications" and 2) "one host ... at a time" being "allowed to transmit ... to the other hosts." Support for these limitations is found in Applicants' specification. Specifically, support for the first limitation is exemplified at page 8, lines 15-16 and support for the second limitation is exemplified at page 8, lines 19-21.

None of these limitations is taught or suggested by the prior art either alone or in combination. Thus, a prima facie case for unpatentability has not been made. Since a prima facie case of unpatentability has not been made, the rejection is believed to be improper and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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